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WIT AND HUMOR.

The crows epitaph-Removed for caws .- Boston Bulletin.

A court of inquiry-popping the question.-Lowell Courier. One of the greatest home comforts

is the shirt which isn't made at home. -Puck. accent is on the wink .- Philadelphia their home.

York Herald. Carpets are sure to go up now, and the rise is not at all due to the Mc-Kinley bill.-Scranton Truth.

Mistress-"Why, Nora, how dusty the chairs are!" Maid-"Yis, mim; mim."-Ex.

Atchison Globe. It's a mighty cowardly man who basn't the courage to advise another

with the toothache to have it yanked out .- Boston Transcript. When a man is hauled up for the first time for inebriety at the Police

Court he gives his "full" name, strange to say .- Boston Bulletin.

somebody else.-Dallis News. When two girls meet they kiss. When two men meet they don't This shows plainly who wants kissing

the most.-Pottsville Republican. She-I'll never marry a man whose fortune hasn't at least five ciphers in it. He (exultingly)-O, darling, mine's all ciphers.-Washington Star.

Thank goodness it is no longer considered treason for an American citizen to back up to a fruit stand and get his coat-tail pockets charged with peanuts.-New York World.

"Not a real circus," said Jim, reflectively, "but I've seen my mother water the garden with the hose."-Ex.

Mr. A. Tennyson Fizzle-"It is your day now, but I will be remembered when you have been forgotten." Old Gotrox-"Shouldn't wonder; I always pay cash."-Indianapolis Journal.

"Why don't you go to work?" "There ain't much doin' at my trade now."

"What is your trade?" "Pickin' flowers off er century

Drs. SECRIST & McGUIRE. plants."-Life. Miss Gushington—"I admit, Arthur who handles money for several Chicago

and generous heart-"

this day originated with Lyly and are The Chicagoan is almost an octogenfound in his "Euphues," published in arian, but still hale and hearty, and 1580. Among them are: "Caught very fond of a quiet little game of napping," "brown study," "catching poker. His play is penny ante with birds by putting salt on their tails," a five-cent limit, and he is never so etc.-Ex.

been found, look out for a departure invited several of his acquaintances of a committee of New Yorkers for to meet the old gentleman and lose Hellas with an offer to build him a their money to him, which the host bang-up monument if the remains promised to make good later. are removed to Riverside Park .-St. Paul Press.

enough to make it the worst for wear.

-Munsey's Weekly. Adam delved and Eve span, where His luck was wonderful; he held the

was then the gentleman? but we never mention them in polite would never do; so the host stepped society. Why, they neither of them into the next room while his client had grandparents.-Ex.

Bride-"Oh, dear, no; my husband never goes out nights."

Clerk—"Well, you might get it for next year."-New York Sun.

"Oh, no, he isn't, father," replied

"Oh, no, he isn't, father," replied the little brother who was present.
"What do you know about Mr.
Thomson?" demanded the old man.
"I only know," he replied, "that he asked sister for a kiss last night, and she told him he could have if he would be quick about it. But it was the allowant him to the presidency jail in the conductor shifted his position.
"You are riding along all right enough now, ain't you?" inquired the railroad Jehu.
"Yes, I suppose I am."
"Well, said the conductor, suddenly removing his fist from the vicinity of the beat's nose and shooting him off the car, "now you ain't you see.
Ain't that change enough for you."—

Killed the Wrong Hens.

The Lord knew what was best for they troubled him he should surely of breathing and speech being in no man's peace of mind when he failed not object to their being shot. "Just way interfered with. to put eyes in the back of his head .- shoot them," wrote Blank, "and throw About a score of prisoners in the them over the fence into my yard and Calcutta jail have such pouch forma I will take care of them."

pleasure of eating it.

If you have anything to give, give chicken for breakfast, cold chicken for view to produce diarrhea, in order to you have anything to lend, lend it to and spring chicken to sell, but still in the hospital. But he had overdone the supply kept up, while, strange to the part, for he had reduced himself say, his chickens did not seem to de- to such a condition that recovery was

rease in number. out in his front yard, when Mr. Dash ression on his face.

"Say, Blank," exclaimed he, "how nany of your chickens have I killed?" commonly employed. One man was

the astonished Dash. "Why, look at your henpen ane see." Dash made a run for the fowlyard bottle.-India Times. "Did you ever go to a circus, Jim?" to size up the situation. Instead of sked one small urchin of another. the sleek looking hens that the yard had contained a month before scarcely

> the corner of the pen told the rest of the story to the infuriated Dash. "To think," exclaimed Dash, "that should keep that dog-gasted, measly Blank in chickens for a month, while my own family were regaling themselves on pork and beans! Bah!

> It's too bad !" Moral-"Cast out the beam from thine own eye in order that thou may see more clearly the mote that is in

> > Poker for Business.

thy neighbor's eye."-Seattle Press.

that this is not the first time I have capitalists, for which he pays them 6 been engaged, but I'm sure your noble per cent interest and gets double that from the farmers, besides a commis-Little Brother—"Sis, the baby's got sion for his trouble, recently told how your bag of engagement rings."-Ex. he undertook to entertain one of his Not a few of the phrases in use at clients who went out to visit him. happy as when enjoying a social game with a few friends. Knowing this Now that the grave of Aristotle has peculiarity, the young money-loaner

After supper the chips were brought and a bottle of imported ginger ale. fifty cents. All the boys understood they were to Rudd-Certainly; but why do you play a stiff game, but eventually to let the old man win. That is, the host supposed they all knew, but it seems one of the five had not grasped Munsey's Weekly.

Democratic New Yorker—When Adam delved and Eve span, where was then the gentleman?

Fair Philadelphian—I don't know; old fellow began to get cross. This squire, laughing; and he did.—Ex. was shuffling the cards, and pretended good humor together with his luck

"Am I going to have any change and at the close of the game was 40 for that dollar I gave?"

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"Yes, but I did.
"But you only gave me a nickel."
"I say I gave you a dollar, and I want some change," and the man stood upon the platform defiantly. The passengers became interested and the conductor shifted his position. are no flies on the average western

the s-l-o-w-e-s-t kiss I ever saw."-Ex. Calcutta was a heavy lead bullet Ex.

about three-quarters of an inch in There is a gentleman in North diameter. This was found on an hab-Seattle, Mr. Blank, who keeps a itual thief and was being used to form number of hens, which, in days gone a pouch or bag in the throat for secretby, have managed to make their es- ing money, jewels, etc., in the event cape from the henpen and have worri- of his being searched. The ball is ed a neighbor, Mr. Dash, very badly. put into the mouth and is allowed to Dr. Dash keeps hens, too, but he has slide down gently until it reaches always managed, as he supposed, to some part near the epiglottis, where keep them securely inside the picket it is held in position and kept there Tiddledywinks soda is out. The fence which marks the boundary of for about half an hour at a time. This operation is repeated many times One day, recently, Mr. Dash sent a daily, and gradually a sort of pocket "It is naught-y, but it's nice." note to Mr. Blank, to the effect that is formed, the time being longer or shorter according to the size of pocket he would be compelled to shoot them. required. In some cases six months Mr. Blank examined his henpen care- have been required, in others a year, fully, and counted his chickens. while in some cases two years are nec-They were all at home, and he could essary. Such a pouch as this last is see no possible way for them to es- capable of holding 10 rupees, about cape. He at once sat down and the size of 10 florins. The thief, wrote his neighbor a polite note, say- therefore, can undergo search, and there's nobody sat on them to-day, ing that he was sorry that his hens nothing being found, he goes away proved such an annoyance, and if with the spoil in his throat, the power

> tions. In the hospital of the prison The next evening when Mr. Blank | the visitor learned some of the malingcame home he found a dead chicken ering practices of Indian criminals lying in his front yard, with half a In one case he saw a youth who was a pound of shot in it. He took it up, perfect skeleton, with lurstrous eyes dressed it, and the next day had the looking out in a ghastly manner from a worn, haggard face. It was disall but impossible. This taking of One day Mr. Blank was standing internal irritants is a common practice among the habitual criminals of Calcame along, with a very puzzled ex- cutta. Castor oil seed, croton seed, and two other seeds which have no English name are the agents most his fetters, had produced an ulcer by rubbing the chafed skin with a caustic "What do you mean f" exclaimed lime and then irritating the sore by scratching it with a piece of broken

By Instalments.

and yet one which has been known 20 remained, while a small hole in to tip the scale when a heavy argument, attached to a cable of logic, could not drag it down. Indeed a grain of wit is sometimes worth more in the practical affairs of life than a pound of learning. Happy the warrior who is provided with both and therefore armed for all occasions. An exchange tells the story of a retort

which won the day.

Many of the first settlers of Illinois were rude in speech and manner. Money was not plentiful with them, and service was paid for in produce. Governor B. used to illustrate these characteristics of frontier life by a A bright young man in the west

> One day there came to his office young man accompanied by a young

"Be you the squire?" asked the "Yes sir." "Can you marry us up right away?"
"Yes sir."

"How much do you charge?"

"Will you take your fee in bee "Yes, if you can't pay cash."
"Well, go shead and tie the knot
and I'll fetch in the wax."

"One dollar is the legal fee, sir."

"No," said the squire, seeing a chance of amusing himself, "bring in the beeswax first, and then I'll marry Reluctantly the youth returned to the yard where was hitched the horse upon which, Darby and Joan fashion,

the couple had ridden, and brought in the sack of wax. On being weighout, together with some fine cigars ed, its value was found to be about "Wal," said the groom, "tie the knot and I'll fetch more wax next

"No sir, I don't trust; that's against the rules of this office.' seems one of the five had not grasped the situation, and kept whacking away ed to depart, saying, "Come Jane, let's

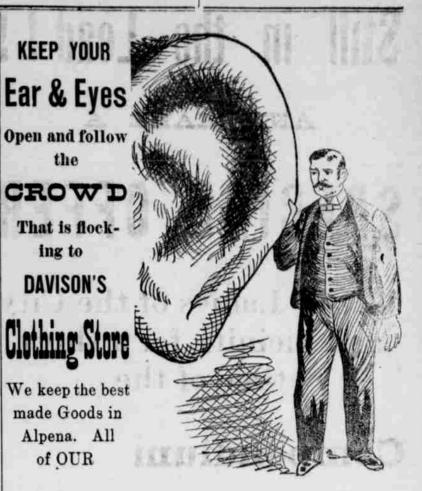
A chronic deadbeat boarded Blushing Bride—"I want to get a present for my husband, but I hardly know what to get."

Clerk—"Why not get one of these nice silk mufflers, to wear evenings?"

was shuffling the cards, and pretending to show his little game. It was by no means a new one and the conductor seized upon it, quietly collecting his fare in the shape of a nickel and for several blocks nothing was said. Then the fraud shivered the silence with the good humor together with his luck."

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"You didn't give me a dollar," re-



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